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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 19, 2007, Applicant submits the enclosed remarks for consideration. A three-month extension of time petition and fee are filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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On page 1, kindly insert the following immediately before the phrase FIELD OF THE INVENTION:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

On page 9, kindly insert the following immediately following the paragraph beginning on line 5 and ending on line 6.

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--